

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Washington D.C.

**MEETING: DIRECTOR GENERAL NANCY HAMZAWI ON CANADA'S G7
CLIMATE CHANGE, OCEANS, AND CLEAN GROWTH THEME**

DATE: Friday, January 26th 2018

LOCATION: International Conf. Rm., #31203

TIME: 1:00 - 2:00

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I. PURPOSE

Canada holds the 2018 G7 presidency and announced that it envisions overarching themes rather than ministerial work streams during its tenure. One of these themes is "Climate Change, Oceans, and Clean Energy." The Environment, Energy and Oceans meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 8-10 in Halifax with consecutive energy, ocean and environment ministerials, possibly with some overlapping sessions. Ms. Hamzawi, the Director General of the G7 Task Team at Environment and Climate Change Canada, asked to meet with you and this is an opportunity to find out additional information about this unique format and Canada's plans for the environment ministerial.

II. PARTICIPANTS

EPA Participants

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Sarah Greenwalt

Walker Smith

Mark Kasman

Hodayah Finman

Canadian Participants

Nancy Hamzawi

Duncan Stewart

Martin Loken

III. BACKGROUND

Canada assumed the 2018 G7 Presidency after Italy's 2017 presidency. They will host the G7 Leaders' Summit in the Charlevoix region of Quebec from June 8-9, 2018, after all of the ministerial meetings. They have outlined five themes of their presidency:

- Investing in growth that works for everyone
- Preparing for jobs of the future
- Advancing gender equality and women's empowerment
- Working together on climate change, oceans and clean energy

- Building a more peaceful and secure world

In a Sherpa meeting note for the climate change, oceans and clean energy theme Canada identified four priorities:

1. Accelerate action on climate change and clean growth
2. Build secure and resilient coastal communities, economics and infrastructure
3. Support the health and productivity of the world's oceans
4. Advance clean energy and innovation

Expected outcomes and possible deliverables listed under the ocean priority include the potential development of a "G7 Plastics Charter," in addition to supporting marine litter conservation efforts, building on the 2015 G7 Action Plan to Combat Marine Litter, and pursuing sustainable marine and coastal growth including through low-impact marine corridors and sustainable shipping to protect the environment and local ecology as well as strategies for offshore energy development in sensitive areas. The coastal communities priority includes supporting sustainable and resilient infrastructure in coastal communities and exploring innovative financing to support small island developing states and least developed countries.

At the World Economic Forum in Davos Prime Minister Trudeau announced that Melinda Gates and Isabelle Hudon will co-chair the G7 Gender Advisory Council. Canada has identified gender equality as a theme that will run through all of the G7 activities and outcomes.

IV. AGENDA

- Introductions
- Overview of EPA's involvement in the G7 process in previous years
- Overview of Canada's proposed format for the 2018 G7 environment related topics
- General discussion

V. ATTACHMENTS

1. Talking Points
2. Bio of Participants
3. Canada Sherpa Meeting Issue Note

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Attachment 1: TALKING POINTS/QUESTIONS

General Points

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Attachment 2: Bio of Nancy Hamzawi

Nancy is currently the Director General, G7 Task Team at Environment and Climate Change Canada. Previously, she held various positions at Environment Canada in the Corporate Secretariat, Environmental Stewardship Branch, International Affairs Branch and Policy and Communications Branch. She has also held positions at the former Canadian International Development Agency, the former Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the former Industry Canada and the National Research Council Canada.



She brings a wealth of international experience to this role. In 2010, as part of her responsibilities as Executive Director, Ecosystem and Biodiversity Priorities, she led the Canadian negotiating team for the Convention on Biological Diversity that established the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, as well as the Nagoya Protocol. Nancy first joined ECCC in 2004 as Director, International Policy and Cooperation, assuming responsibility for multilateral affairs and bilateral relations outside of the Americas until 2010. At the Canadian International Development Agenda, in 2002, she led the Agency's engagement in the World Summit on Sustainable Development, as well as the environment and development dimensions of Canada's G7 Presidency in 2002.

Nancy holds a Masters and a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering as well as a Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry, all from the University of Ottawa.